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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHINICHI HIRATA : EXAMINER: SEAL, J.  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 8, and 9 as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A reception device for controlling a video recording device physically separate from to the reception device, the reception device comprising:  
reception means for receiving an electronic mail transmitted through a network;  
first extracting means for extracting encrypted certification information inserted in said electronic mail received by said reception means;